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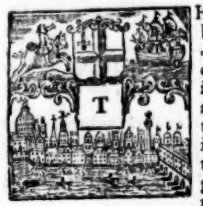
From my own APARTMENT.

Felices ter, & amplius,
Quos irrupta tenet copula: nec malis
Divulsus querimoniis,
Suprema citius solvet amor die. HOR.



HERE are so many Things to be considered in the *nuptial State*, that too much *Precaution* cannot be taken *before* we enter into it, nor too much *Resolution* when we *do enter*: The *first*, that every *Inconvenience*, respecting either the *State* itself, or the *Person* with whom we engage, may be *foreseen*, and as many of them as possible provided against, or remedied; the *second*, that whatever could not be *foreseen* or *prevented*, may be *borne* with Temper and Complacency; which alone, if *mutual*, will ease every Burthen, if on *one Side* only, will mollify every Grievance. — My Correspondents have this Day given me an Opportunity to bestow a few Thoughts upon *each* of these Points, and consequently to devote this Speculation both to the *Single* and the *Married*.

Mr. STONECASTLE,

'FRIENDSHIP obliges me to desire of you a *small Favour*, 'which the humane and benevolent System upon 'which your Paper is conducted, will, I doubt not, 'induce you to *grant*. The *Happiness of one* whom I sin'cerely *love*, and *have loved* from the most tender Age, 'I am afraid *depends* very much upon the Effect it may 'produce. All the *Hope* I have rests in *this*, that she 'is a constant *Reader* of the *Spectator*, and has, on former Occasions, made it the *Vehicle* of her own Advice 'to more than one of her Acquaintance.

'PRISCILLA, the Friend I speak of, is a young Lady 'about *twenty-five*, with a *Fortune* sufficient to entitle 'her to all the *Felicity* that can be expected from *Money* 'in the matrimonial State; and, if I am not mistaken 'thro' partial Inclination, with a *Mind* and *Temper* that 'merit the most *tender Affection*, and which must contribute to the *Happiness* of any Man who can discern 'their *Beauties*. She possesses, besides, a great Deal of '*Prudence*, and has all along shewn herself not guided 'by *Fancy* only, but by *Judgment*, in the Distinctions 'she has made between the *several Persons* who have paid 'her their Addresses.

'It was this *discerning Principle*, in the Opinion of 'every one that knew them both, which led her to 'prefer ALTAMONT before all the Rest. His *Person* is 'far from disagreeable; his *Temper* sweet, and his *Conversation* most engaging: He has a *Fortune* not in the 'least inferior to hers, and is well fix'd in an *easy genteel Business*, which promises fairly for the Improvement of their *united Estates*.—But we have lately heard, 'from undoubted Authority, that ALTAMONT some 'Years ago labour'd under *a Disease* which is supposed 'to be *hereditary*, and which, in the Opinion of most '*Physicians*, does seldom admit of a *perfect Cure*. In a 'Word, there are some who knew him, when a Boy, 'very bad with the *King's Evil*. This has been hinted 'to himself, by one of PRISCILLA's Friends; and he 'is too honest to deny that he had once some *scrophulous* 'Symptoms; but insists upon it, that he is *well* beyond 'any Danger of a *Relapse*.

'To say he *cannot be sure* of this, would be presumptuous in me who know nothing of Physick: But the '*general Sense of* Mankind informs me, that PRISCILLA 'will not act with her *usual Prudence*, if she does not 'learn to look upon his Case as very *suspicious*, and upon 'this Suspicion as a proper *Impediment*.

'She cannot *yet* be induced to think so, after having 'made to him a *Surrender* of her *Inclinations*, upon what 'she thought *rational Motives*. On the other Side, the 'Possibility of *conveying a Curse* with the *very Being* of 'a helpless Infant, is what *shocks* her in the most sensible 'Manner. *We*, who know her most intimately, are 'all very tender of *speaking* to her on the Subject, 'because we are too sure of the *Effect* it will have: But 'as she pays great Deference to Mr. STONECASTLE's '*Judgment*, and may consider his *Arguments coolly*, without the Participation of a Friend, I presume much 'upon the *Influence* of what shall be said in *the Spectator*. 'I expect it with Impatience in the *next*, and am

your humble Servant,

HARRIOT SINCERE.

P. S. 'PRISCILLA has too much *good Sense*, and too '*strong Examples* against her from her own Practice, to 'be visibly angry either with me for *sending* this Letter, 'or with you for *publishing* it.'

My *Arguments*, from which Mrs. SINCERE promises herself so much, shall on this Occasion be very *short*. It is impossible for the most skilful Person to judge of a *Case*, when he is unacquainted with the *Subject*: And for my own Part, if I knew ALTAMONT ever so well, I do not pretend to that *Skill in Physick*, which would then be *requisite* to form a Judgment of his *Cure*. Tho' this, I think, we all learn from *Tradition*, that the *Evil* formerly was seldom, if ever, *radically* cured, except by the *Royal Touch*, which has been a long Time disused in the Practice of *Medicine*. At best, even *this Touch*, seems to have been looked upon as a Matter of no real Avail without *extraordinary Faith*, and such a Faith is not in the *present Age* expected.

Leaving *Physick*, therefore, as a Science I am no Proficient in, I prescribe *ethically* to my Patient as follows.

That to marry a Person, who has in the Blood an *hereditary, communicable, incurable Distemper*, is absolutely inconsistent with the *great Design* of Nature in her *first social Institution*, as it can tend only to *entail Misery* upon Posterity.

That, consequently, if PRISCILLA is not well satisfied their *Fears are groundless*, she ought to listen to the Advice of *her Friends*, before she receives any more Visits from ALTAMONT.

Now in order to this *necessary Satisfaction*, I think she ought not to rely upon the *mere Opinion* of any Person living. She should have *Experience* alledged; she should have the Example of Subjects, in the *same Manner* afflicted, whose Cure, thro' a long Series of Years, was liable to no *Suspicion* in either *themselves* or their *Children*. Such Instances, if their *Former Cases* corresponded sufficiently with ALTAMONT's, might be pleaded in behalf of her *intended Marriage*: But such, I am afraid, will be hardly *found*.

If they cannot be met with at all, I think there need be no Difficulty in removing PRISCILLA's *Scruples*, founded on *Engagements* already entered into. When such Engagements are made, both Parties should deal *openly* and *frankly*, without concealing any just Ground of *Objection* they are conscious of in *themselves*. That ALTAMONT dealt in this Manner, I can see *no Reason* to think, when it does not appear that PRISCILLA knew any Thing of what is *alledged*, till it came by the Report of *other Persons*.

His only Excuse is his *own Opinion* of his Case, which might be founded upon *Misinformation*, or a Course of Experience not *sufficiently long*.

I should not have said even thus much of a Subject, which at best can be hardly *pleasant*, if it did not seem to be still more *important* than it is *ungrateful*.

To BROTHER STONECASTLE.

Mr. SPEC.

'I Was just upon the Point of *Marrying* when your 'Letter came from the *Newly-Married Man*, and, as I 'call myself an *Old Batchelor*, have postponed the Day 'ever since, to know what *your Correspondents* or *You* 'would have Persons at our Age say to the *Sweets*, for 'the first Month or six Weeks. If your Opinion does 'not come soon, I must either proceed still *in the Dark*, 'or absolutely *break off the Match*, which is what both 'the Father and Mother now *peremptorily insist on*.

Yours,

JOHN DOUBTFUL.

N. B. 'I am not quite *two and Forty*. *Quere*, How 'justly I may be enrolled in the *Old Batchelor's List*?

Tho' Mr. DOUBTFUL has put his *Quere last*, by Way of *Postcript* only, I answer him *first* very positively, *that he has been an Old Batchelor near seventeen Years*, according to his own Account. I would even venture to call him *superannuated*, were it not that I would neither prevent him from *correcting* this *long Error* of his Life, nor discourage any of the Fair Sex from *charitably shewing Mercy* to such *Converts*, when they are perfectly sincere.

We have an Authority no less than *antient Roman*, and of a Magistrate no less than *Augustus Cæsar*, to call a Man *Old Batchelor* at Twenty-five. That Emperor levied a Tax, by way of *fine*, upon all who were not married at that Age, or who had not *Children they dared to own*. The same Prince, when he was *Censor*, began a Prosecution, in his own Suit, against a *Roman Knight*, for Contravention of the Law, because he *obstinately persisted* in a State of *Celibacy*: But the Gentleman, by proving himself the Father of *three Children*, got excused from the *Penalty* otherwise incur'd.

I will not pretend to draw an exact *Parallel* between the *Roman* Manners and ours, because it seems in their time not at all scandalous to have a Child *out of Marriage*: But this I may affirm, that if it were no less scandalous *now*, not one in ten of the *Ra'ish Batchelors* would ward off a Fine, by proving they had made any *Addition to the Community*.

It is a Maxim of the Famous Lord SHAFTSBURY, that nothing can be *ridiculous* which is not *contrary to*, or *devious, from Truth* and *Justice*: And that the chusing a *Bosom Friend*, whose *Interest* is united with ours, is not a more *just* and *true* Pursuit of mutual *Happiness*, than the chusing a mere *sensual Associate* of an Hour, a Day, a Week, or a Month, in a Word, one that may be changed at Pleasure without *Loss* or *Regret*, is a Position that I believe none of these Libertine *Old Batchelors* could maintain.

What I would advise *my own Friends* therefore, and what I would practise *myself* if I should ever marry, is, that they would so *consider* of and *use* the Matrimonial Union, as to preserve a *Sweetness* in their own *Minds*, and a *chearful Countenance* in *Company*: Which will enable them always to *laugh* at these *impertinent Laughers*, whether single or unworthily married. How conceive this may be *done*, and what other *Arguments* and *Examples* may occur to me in Favour of the *Conjugal State*, may be the Subject of some other *Paper*. For the present I shall conclude with that *beautiful Passage* in MILTON, which can never be too often read by the *Enemies of Matrimony*. I would advise them not to *admire the Poetry* only (which, if they have any Taste, they cannot help) but to *consider well the Sentiments*; and to remember, at the same time, that the Author had been *more than once* married, and, if we may believe his Biographer, had experienced *all the Inconveniences* of the State he recommends.

Hail wedded Love! mysterious Law! true Source
Of human Offspring! sole Propriety
In Paradise, of all things common else!
By thee adult'rous Love was driv'n from Man
Among the bestial Herds to range: By Thee,
Founded in Reason, loyal, just, and pure,
Relations dear, and all the Charities
Of Father, Son, and Brother, first were known!
Perpetual Fountain of domestic Sweets!
Here Love his golden Shafts employs; here lights
His constant Lamp, and waves his purple Wings;
Here reigns and revels; not in the bought Smile
Of Harlots, loveless, joyless, unindear'd,
Casual Fruition; nor in Court Amours,
Mix'd Dance, or wanton Mask, or midnight Ball,
Or Serenade, which the starv'd Lover sings
To his proud Fair, best quitted with Disdain.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Francfort, May 16. The Imperial Troops begin to intrench themſelves in their Camp near Philipſtourg. Count Seckendorff has already had a Conference with Marſhal Coigny, whoſe Army conſiſts of 80,000 Men, and is juſt at hand to join the Imperialiſts.

Hague, May 19. We have juſt received Advice, that the French have ſeiz'd upon Courtray, Harlebeek and Warneton, which laſt Place is Part of the Republick's Barrier, and had a ſmall Garriſon of the States Troops in it.

By Letters from Bruſſels we have receiv'd the following Anſwer, which the King of France made to Count Waſſenaer at his firſt Audience at Liſle: 'Sir, The 'States General's Choice of you could not but be very 'agreeable to me, being ſo well acquainted with your 'perſonal Qualities. All my Proceedings in regard to 'your Republick, ſince my Acceſſion to the Crown, 'muſt have ſatisfy'd her how much I deſir'd to keep up 'a ſincere Friendſhip and perfect Correſpondence with 'her. I have long enough ſhewn my Inclination for 'Peace; but the longer I delay'd declaring War, ſo 'much the leſs will I ſuſpend the Effects of it. My 'Miniſters will report to me the Commiſſion which 'you are charg'd with, and after communicating it to 'my Allies I will let your Maſters know my ultimate 'Reſolutions.

We have poſitive Advice, that upon the Inſtances made by the Hanoverian Miniſter at Dreſden, to get the King of Poland, by Virtue of the Treaties of Amity and good Neighbourhood, to ſend to Hanover the Succour of 3000 Men therein ſtipulated, his Poliſh Majeſty made Anſwer, 'That he is ſtill diſpos'd to perform 'what the Faith due to reciprocal Engagements requires 'of him; but that as theſe 3000 Men are not capable 'of protecting the Hanover Territories, it would be 'a great Pity to ſacrifice them to no Purpoſe: Wherefore, ſo ſoon as his Majeſty ſhall be inform'd that 'there is an Army of 30 or 40,000 Men to cover 'the ſaid Electorate, he will not only join thereto the '3000 Men in queſtion, and the 6000 that he has engag'd to furniſh, but even a greater Number, if neceſſary.

Hague, May 21. Tueſday Night the Hungarian Miniſter receiv'd a Confirmation of the Proceedings of the French in the Auſtrian Netherlands, with this additional Circumſtance, viz. that they have put 2000 Men in Garriſon at Courtray. We are aſſur'd that the Commandant of Warneton has been ſent back thither, in order to proteſt ſolemnly againſt the taking of that Poſt, as being Part of the Barrier. The Engliſh, Auſtrian, and Hanoverian Troops are in full March to ſtop the Progreſs of the French, and will be join'd by the Body of Dutch Troops in the Queen of Hungary's Service.

Private Letters from Bruſſels ſay, that his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty went to his Army after giving Audience to Count Waſſenaer at Liſle: That the Count ſtays in that Town, and that the Marquefs de Fenelon has been appointed to confer with him. It is expected they will make quick Work of it, and that M. Waſſenaer will ſoon return to Bruſſels.

All our Advices from Italy theſe two Poſt agree, that Prince Lobkowitz has enter'd the Kingdom of Naples, and that his Highneſs ſent Letters to the Pope and the King of Sardinia, acquainting them with his Deſign, before he decamp'd from Fermo.

Naples, April 28. The King gives double Pay to his Troops, while they are in the Field, as an Encouragement for them to behave bravely. We are as yet very quiet in this Kingdom. Several Engliſh Men of War appear'd the 26th Inſtant off of Gaeta, but kept out of Cannon Shot, and this Morning we heard that the ſaid Ships were cruizing off the Iſland of Procida. Our Forts and Caſtles along the Coaſts are all in a good Poſture of Defence.

PLANTATION NEWS.

Curaçao, April 8. Commodore Knowles is actually at St. Kitt's, ready to ſail on another ſecret Expedition, which is ſuppoſed to be againſt Laguira and Porto Cavallo; he waits only 'till he is join'd by a few other Ships, his Squadron conſiſting already of 14 Men of War of the Line. That Officer has lately releas'd one of our Veſſels that was taken by an Engliſh Privateer, and has ſent the Captain of that Privateer to England, to anſwer for his Conduct in taken her; her Cargo is laid up ſafely in the King's Warehouſe. Two other Veſſels belonging to this Iſland were ſtopp'd by an Engliſh Man of War, who after examining them, permitted them to proſecute their Voyage.

Boſton, May 10. On Friday, the 9th Inſtant, in the Night, Daniel Campell, who, by his Frugality, while Hoiſter to Mr. Mayhin in School-ſtreet, in Boſton, had ſaved Money enough to purchaſe a Farm in Rutland, was found barbarouſly murder'd in his own Land, at a ſmall Diſtance from his Houſe. He was ſtrangled, and had his Neck broke, and was buried about two Foot deep, and covered over with Leaves, Rubbiſh, and a large Log. One Edward Fitz-Patrick, who, 'tis ſaid, work'd for him, is committed to Gaol, on a ſtrong Suſpicion of his being concern'd in the ſaid Murder.

We hear from South Handley, that on the 23d of laſt Month, about One o'Clock in the Morning, the Houſe of Mr. Moody of that Place, then in the Occupation of Mr. Green, was burnt to the Ground, with all the Furniture, &c. and that the ſaid Green, and a Mulatto Child, about ſix Years old, periſhed in the Flames.

And from Brookfield, that on the 18th of the ſaid Month, the Houſe of Joſeph Jennings, Eſq; of that Town, was conſumed by Fire, with moſt of the Furniture, and a large Quantity of Flax.

IRELAND.

Dublin, May 5. Their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have appointed Edward Croker, of Raleighſtown, Eſq; to be Deputy-Governor of the County of Limerick, and Colonel of an Independent Troop for the ſaid County.

Laſt Wedneſday Morning, between Seven and Eight o'Clock, as Mr. Abraham Wilkinſon, ſen. an eminent Merchant in Golden-Lane, was getting ready to go to the Fair of Kells from Navan, where he lodg'd the Night before, one of his Piſtols unfortunately dropp'd out of his Hand, and diſcharged into his Bowels, of which Accident he died in about Half an Hour, greatly lamented by all his Acquaintance, to whom he had approv'd himſelf in every Station through a Courſe of conſiderably large and extenſive Dealings.

A few Days ago a moſt cruel Murder was committed near the Mote in the County of Weſtmeath, by a Pedlar, who being called upon by one Mrs. Pilkington, to help her to drive a ſtrange Horſe out of her Field, attempted to lie with her; and upon her reſiſting him, and very probably ſtriking him for ſo impudent an Attempt, he mangled her terribly, at laſt ſtrangled her with a Handkerchief; there were found about him three Engliſh Shillings, and a Snuff-Box that belong'd to her, when he was taken; he being diſcover'd very ſoon after he had committed the Fact. There are ſome Circumſtances talk'd of, too ſhocking to be related. It is ſaid he confeſſes the Crime.

COUNTRY NEWS.

York, May 8. Yeſterday a Party of Soldiers of General Blakeney's Regiment brought in ſeveral Preſs'd Men from the Weſt-Riding, amongſt whom was a famous Methodiſt Preacher. If the Intention of his Preaching was really to reform Mankind, he can hardly have a better Opportunity of exerciſing his Talent than amongſt the new Recruits.

Briſtol, May 12. *Extract of a Letter from on board the Namur at Sea off Villafranca, dated the 10th of April.*

'From the Time we left Sight of Minorca, to the '4th Inſtant, we have had terrible bad Weather, and 'was very near loſing ſome of our large Ships upon a 'Lee-ſhore; the Princeſſa loſt her Main and Mizen 'Maſts, and is gone to Mahon; and one of our Fireſhips 'was very near going down by running aboard the Hoſpital Ship in the Night. The firſt of this Month we paſs'd near Antibes, from whence they fir'd at us, and 'as we came up by Nice the Spaniards fir'd alſo from 'the Water-ſide, where they had got ſome Pieces of 'Cannon; upon which we fir'd about eight Shots at 'them, as did ſeveral other Ships. We found they had 'ſome Days taken by Surprize one of the Paſſes in the 'Mountains call'd the Torbe, above Villafranca, near 'Monaca, by two Regiments from thence, which they 'knew nothing of.

'We have been cruiſing off and on ever ſince. Capt. 'Ambroſe, with the Ships diſpatch'd, did not appear 'till ſome Days after we arriv'd here; he is now in a 'ſmall Bay, between Villafranca and Monaca, with 'five or ſix Sail, where our Marines are all landed, and 'have a Battery rais'd to guard againſt any Event on 'that Side. The Night before laſt, about Twelve o'Clock, the Enemy began the general Attack, and got Poſſeſſion of three of the Faſcine Batteries, by ſome Means getting round upon the Back of the Savoyards, one of which our Engliſh Bombardiers were employ'd at, and we are afraid they are all cut off. Admiral Matthews was aſhore at Villafranca all Night with Mr. Villets, our Reſident at Turin, and came off in the Morning a good deal uneaſy at what had happen'd: But by one of our Bomb Veſſels, who left Villafranca ſome Hours afterwards, we hear that 'our Troops rallied, had retaken the Batteries, and its 'thought there cannot be leſs than 6000 of the Enemy 'cut to Pieces.

'The King of Sardinia is hourly expected with thirteen Battalions.

'The Admiral, in conſequence of the French firing at 'us from Antibes, and hearing they had declared War 'againſt the Allies, immediately gave the Commanders 'of his Majeſty's Ships Orders to take, ſink, burn, or 'otherwiſe deſtroy any Ships they meet belonging to 'the King of France or his Subjects.'

LONDON.

Laſt Sunday being Whitſunday, the ſame was obſerv'd at Court as a high Feſtival, when the Knights Companions of the moſt noble Order of the Garter, Thiſtle and Bath, appear'd in the Collars of their reſpective Orders; at Noon his Majeſty, the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, the Duke and Princeſſes, attended by divers of the Nobility and Gentry, preceded by the Purſuivants and Heralds at Arms, went to the Chapel-Royal at Kenſington, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. Wilſon, Sub-Almoner: After Divine Service, his Majeſty, &c. receiv'd the Holy Communion from the Hands of the Biſhop of London, aſſiſted by the Biſhop of Hereford, Clerk of the Cloſet, and made the uſual Offering.

Laſt Thurſday ſe'nnight a Colonel's Guard mounted at Kenſington; and at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon his Majeſty, with their Royal Highneſſes the Duke and Princeſſes, attended by ſeveral of the Nobility, remov'd from St. James's to that Palace.

Laſt Saturday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the following Bills, viz.

The Sinking-Fund Bill.

The Bill for the Importation of Glaſs Beads.

The Bill to make it High Treaſon to hold a Correſpondence with the Sons of the Pretender to his Majeſty's Crown.

The Bill for the better Encouragement of Seamen in his Majeſty's Service, and Privateers to annoy the Enemy.

The Bill for regulating the Meaſures and Prices of Coals.

The Bill to prevent affixing of Counterfeit Stamps to Foreign and other Linnens.

The Bill for the better Enlightening the Streets of the City of London.

The Bill for permitting Goods therein enumerated to be imported during the War in Britiſh built Shipping, the Property of Foreigners.

The expiring Law Bill.

Weſtminſter Bridge Bill.

The River Dee Bill.

The Bill to prevent Diſputes touching Pariſhes or Places where improv'd Waſtes and drain'd or improv'd Marſh Lands, ſhall be rated to the Poor.

The Bill for the better Relief of the Poor.

The Enfield, Wiltſhire, Bedford, and Buckingham Road Bills; and to ſeveral other Bills.

After which his Majeſty put an End to this Seſſion of Parliament with a moſt gracious Speech from the Throne.

Laſt Monday the Embarkation of the ſeveral Troops of Horſe for Flanders was compleated at Graveſend; they conſiſted of 1420, excluſive of Officers, and on Tueſday the Tranſports ſet Sail with them for Oſtend.

On Tueſday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor nominated James Langſton, of Crutched-Fryars, Eſq; Citizen and Vintner, as a proper Perſon to ſerve the Office of Sheriff, for this City and County of Middleſex, for the Year enſuing: This is the fifth Gentleman nominated by his Lordſhip.

Laſt Monday Morning his Grace the Duke of Montagu went by the King's Orders to ſee the Swiſs Battalion, aſſembled at the Horſe-Grenadiers Riding-Houſe, and in his Majeſty's Name thank'd them for the Zeal they have ſhewn for his Majeſty's Perſon, Family, and Government, on Occaſion of the lately intended Invaſion, and diſcharged them of the Military Oath they had taken, there being no further Appearance of any preſent Danger.

The *Rumours* that have been lately raiſed of *another Attempt* to be made to *invade us*, ſeem to be all *effectually confuted* by the Diſcharge of the above *Volunteers*. —— As to *other Volunteers*, after going thro' a proper Courſe of *Diſcipline*, who can tell what *Uſe* they may be of in keeping up the *military Eſtabliſhment?*

A Proclamation has been iſſued by his Majeſty, promiſing Pardon to all able-bodied Smugglers that ſhall enter into either Sea or Land Service before the 20th of June next.

And another for recalling and prohibiting Seamen from ſerving Foreign Princes and States.

Last Saturday an Order was sent from the Lords of the Admiralty to his Majesty's Yards of Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness and Portsmouth, not to admit any Person whatever to see the Ships building, but those whose Business requires Admittance.

The Hon. ——Gage, Esq; eldest Son of the Lord Visc. Gage, of the Kingdom of Ireland, is chosen a Representative in Parliament for the Borough of Seaford in Sussex, in the room of Sir William Gage, Bart. deceas'd.

Last Week David Poole, of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq; was married to Miss Bird, Niece of the late Sir Fisher Tench, Bart. a young Lady of great Beauty and fine Accomplishments, with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Sunday Isaac Clay, of Laton in Bedfordshire, Esq; was married, at Carshalton in Surrey, to Miss Fanny Maria Cookesey of Mincing-Lane, a beautiful young Lady, and an Heiress of 15,000 l. Fortune.

Last Week died the Rev. Mr. Hickle Scarffe, Rector of Earl-Stenham in Suffolk: As he gain'd, by his courteous Behaviour, the Esteem of all while living, so at his Death no Person can be more lamented. —— He will be succeeded by the Senior Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge.

On Friday last a Patent pass'd the Great Seal appointing the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Lisburne, to be Lord Lieutenant, and Custos Rotulorum for the County of Cardigan.

The same Day a Grant pass'd the Great Seal unto Francis Meysey, Gent. of the Office or Place of a Deacon in the Parish Church of Cleobury, alias Clibury Mortimer, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

As did likewise a Patent appointing Gwin Davis, Gent. to be Collector of the Customs in the Port of Exeter, in the room of Mr. Samuel Artis.

Last Week the Rev. Mr. French was unanimously chosen Rector of the Parish of St. James, at St. Edmund's-bury in Suffolk, in the room of the late Incumbent, deceas'd.

[illegible] and some-[illegible] Satisfaction, and perhaps the grateful Thanks of a *Few*, who, against general Prejudice, dare acknowledge the Benefit either *suffer'd* or *intended*.

For the *last Intention* may not always [illegible]

Last Friday Col. Cecil, who was committed to the Tower about seven Weeks ago for High-Treason, was admitted to Bail before the Lord Chief Justice Lee, at the Old Baily. The Colonel entered into a Recognizance of 4000 l. to appear the first Day of next Term, and four Sureties in 2000 l. each.

We hear from Watford in Hertfordshire, that on Monday last a Quarrel happen'd at that Place, between a Farmer's Man and one of the Dutch Soldiers quarter'd there, concerning a Woman, which rose to such a heighth, that the Dutchman drew his Knife and stabb'd the other in the Belly very deep, and afterwards cut him quite a-cross the Face; on which he was immediately seiz'd, and carried before his Captain, at the Saracen's Head, who was so enrag'd on hearing the Story, that he ordered the Soldier to be immediately hang'd up on the Sign-Post, and accordingly had a Ladder brought out for that Purpose, and a Rope put about his Neck; but at that Instant a Justice of the Peace in the Neighbourhood, came to the Inn, on hearing of the Affair, and prevented the Execution; by acquainting the Captain, that if the Man died, the Civil Power will demand the Murderer according to the Laws of England; and in the mean time he desired that a Guard might be kept on him, till it should be known whether the Man recovers or not, which the Officer at length complied with. We have since heard he is in a fair Way of Recovery.

Last Tuesday Morning as soon as the Portsmouth Waggon, in which were about ten Passengers, had passed through Kingston, the Driver, who rode upon a blind Mare, dismounted, and let the Horses go on for some Time; and the Mare turning into the Thames, they followed her, and dragg'd the Waggon quite a-cross, to the opposite Shore; which put the Passengers into the utmost Consternation, as they expected every Minute that the Waggon would either be overturn'd, or the Depth of Water drown them; but it fortunately happen'd to be a Place where the Water but just reach'd up to the Shoulders of the Horses: The Cries of the People in the Waggon had given such an Alarm at Kingston, that in a few Minutes the Town was empty, all running to see what was the matter, and several Boats went to their Assistance, and took the People out; which when done, the Affair became a Scene of Mirth, and the Waggon brought over the Bridge, proceeded forwards.

The last Letters from Cologne say, that Lightning falling on the Church of Lechenich, a Village about five Leagues from thence, had burnt it to Ashes, together with 18 Houses, and several Barns and Stables. This is the third Time within these 20 Years that this Village has been burnt.

Last Saturday the Sessions ended at the Old Baily, when the following Malefactors received Sentence of Death, viz.

Henry Cole, for returning from Transportation.

Anne Terry, for the Murder of her Bastard Child, by throwing it out of a Three Pair of Stairs Window.

Robert Rockett, otherwise Sir Robert Rockett, for being concern'd with Francis Sherlock in several Street-Robberies. And

Robert Fuller upon the Black Act, for shooting at Mr. Francis Bailey, near Uxbridge in Middlesex.

Sarah Lowther, alias Rockett, for personating the Widow of Nicholas Woollen, Mariner, deceas'd, and obtaining a Probate of his pretended Will, knowing the same to be false and counterfeit. She pleaded her Belly, and was found quick with Child.

Jane Taffe was tried for an Offence of the like Nature; but there being no positive Evidence to her Person but Francis Sherlock, who was the Accomplice that forged the Will, she was acquitted.

Hugh Conner, who was found guilty of robbing the Dwelling-House of Mrs. Berridge, was call'd to the Bar, and inform'd, that the Court would not give Judgment of Death against him 'till a special Point of Law had been argued by the Judges. He was indicted for a Burglary as well as the Felony, and the Jury acquitting him of the Burglary, it was a Matter of Doubt whether the Felony, as it stood on the Face of the Indictment, was a capital Offence.

Mary Stansbury, who formerly receiv'd Sentence of Death, and was respited on Account of her being with Child, received Sentence of Transportation for 14 Years.

The Trial of Anne Hawkes, alias Hawkswell, alias Matthews, on Suspicion of robbing the Western Mail, was (on Account of her being deliver'd of a Child a few Days since in Newgate) put off till next Sessions.

Last Saturday Margaret Green was try'd at Hick's-Hall, for rubbing white Arsnick on Half-penny Loaves, whereby several Bakers were greatly affected with the said Poison; but it appearing that she had been disordered in her Senses for some Time past, she was acquitted; and the Court gave Orders that she might be sent to a Mad-House.

The following is said to be an exact List of the French Ships taken by Admiral Matthews since the Declaration of War against that Nation, viz. The Louis, Francisca, Felicite, Elizabeth, Pietate, Virginis St. Maria, and the Paris, all Levant Ships; the Joseph, Charlemain, Valentia, Montpelier, and the Eastern Magi, from Martinico; and the Holy Virgin, Dauphin, Philip, Christopher, and Le Hope, bound to the Streights; besides several other Ships of small Burthen.

The Dartmouth Galley Privateer, Capt. Legrose, has taken a French Ship of 150 Tons, called the Ceres, bound from Martinico to Nantz, laden with Sugar, Cotton, and other valuable Commodities, and carry'd her into Dartmouth.

On the 10th Instant the Drake of London, Capt. Wade, arrived at Plymouth, from St. Sebastians, with 150 English Prisoners from thence — She was chased in by two French Privateers, and narrowly escaped being taken, and carried into France.

By the French Mail we have Advice, that the Ranger, Capt. Reeve, bound for London from Philadelphia, is taken and carried into Port Louis, after a severe and smart Engagement of several Hours, in which several were killed and wounded on both Sides.

We hear an Order is sent from the Court of France to suffer all Smuggling Vessels to come into the Ports of Dunkirk and Calais without Molestation.

The Molly, Bowman, from Virginia to Whitehaven, is taken by the Spaniards and carry'd into St. Sebastians.

We have Advice that the Edward and Mary of Leith, Thomas Young, Master, from Rotterdam, with Flax, &c. is taken and carried into Dunkirk by a French Privateer.

There is no certain Account yet concerning the Lively Man of War; but it is agreed on all Hands, that the Story of her being taken by the Brest Squadron was without Foundation, and calculated only to serve private Purposes.

The St. Michael, a Spanish Privateer taken by his Majesty's Ship the Monmouth, is now fitting out at Portsmouth for a Man of War: She is built of Cedar, is to carry 24 Guns, and is esteem'd as compleat a Ship of that Force as any in the Royal Navy.

Extract of a Letter from St. Christopher's, dated February 29.

'Two Privateers under Spanish Colours, mann'd 'with French, one with 100 and the other with 150 'Men, attack'd the Lancaster Man of War, Capt. Farpell, Commander, who took them and carried them 'into Antigua.'

Extract of a Letter from Legiorn, dated May 4, N. S.

'On the 22d of last Month the Dursly Galley, Campion, the Imperial Anne, Harman, and the Bacchus, 'Taverner, sail'd for London; but return'd again next 'Day with three French Prizes, viz. a Ship and a Bark 'from Smyrna, and a Ship from Candia, all bound for 'Marseilles; and on Tuesday the said Ships sail'd again 'for London, with their Prizes.

Letter from Portsmouth, dated May 12.

'This Day arrived here his Majesty's Ship the Dreadnought, Capt. Boscawen; and the Grampus Sloop, 'Capt. Toll, from Cruizing, and brought in with them 'the Medea, a French Man of War, late from Brest, 'carrying 26 Carriage Guns, and 240 Men.—She was 'taken on Sunday the 29th of April, in the Bay of Biscay, in Lat. 46. 10. and came out of Brest the Tuesday 'before, and left there the French Squadron, except two '64 Gun Ships out on a Cruize.'

We hear, that the Dreadnought and Grampus chased the above Ship near 48 Hours; and that the Grampus first came up, and kept her in play till the Dreadnought appeared, when she struck immediately.

Letter from a Person on board Capt. Danzie, bound to Virginia, dated St. Sebastians, April 17.

SIR,

'I believe you have heard already of our being taken, 'and imagine you would be glad of a particular Account of the Action.

'On the 29th of March being in Lat. 49. 40, and 'about 15 Leagues to the Westward of Scilly, about 10 'in the Morning we saw a Ship coming before the 'Wind, as we were standing to Northward, the Wind at 'W. N. W. at Noon was within Gun-shot, she hoisted 'an English Ensign, and fired a Gun to Leeward; we 'apprehended her to be a loaded Ship, bound to England, and wanted to speak to us to know how the Land 'bore; but she immediately chang'd her English Ensign 'for a Spanish one, and prov'd to be a Spanish Privateer 'of 20 Six-pounders, 14 Swivels, and 230 Men; our 'Ship being clear (as she always was upon Sight of any 'Ship) we received her Broadside, and return'd ours 'with a Huzza: We fought her Broadside and Broadside till half an Hour after Five; all which Time we 'had the better of her, tho' she kept pouring in her 'Small-shot incessantly. We after oblig'd her to steer 'off, tho' six of our Guns were but Three-pounders. 'At half an Hour after Five she boarded us, with Fire-works to her Yard-Arms, finding she could do no 'good with Great-Guns; by this Time, we had two 'Men kill'd, and several wounded; but what was worst 'of all, our Captain received a Shot in the Foot, before 'we took to Close-Quarters. Though they clapp'd us 'on board a great Number of Men, we had clear'd our 'Decks, and carried off the Ship, only that our two 'Mates, with the Men that were posted in the Fore-castle were blown up by a Stink-pot which they threw 'down the Grating, and when the People that were in 'the Steerage sallied out they were cut to Pieces; for the 'Enemy shelter'd themselves in our Boats: Yet encouraged by the Captain, the Remainder that were able, 'made another Sally but were beat back, leaving several 'wounded on the Deck. At this Time, to compleat 'our Misfortunes, our Captain had his Face and Eyes 'miserably blown up (as he was presenting a Musket at 'a Fellow peeping out of the Long-Boat) by the bursting of one of our Men's Pieces, that was firing just 'by his Side, which knock'd him down into the Hold, 'where the Powder was handed up. Now we had nothing to do but give up the Ship, there being a Boat 'full of Men coming from the Privateer, with Fire-Arms and other Instruments to set our Ship on Fire; 'so about 8 o'Clock we cry'd out *Quarters*, and were 'all ty'd together on the Quarter-Deck, almost 'naked.

'It is impossible for me to describe the Bravery and 'Resolution of Capt. Danzie; he was above Half an 'Hour before he had his Foot dress'd; and when the 'great Effusion of Blood was stopp'd, he came upon 'Deck again, where he fought 'till he was blown up— 'We kill'd the Spaniards fourteen Men, and w[illegible] 'a great Number; so that we sold our Lib[illegible] 'Ship pretty dear.—A Gentleman who was [illegible] 'and distinguish'd himself very gallantly, [illegible] 'board the Privateer, with some of our Me[illegible] 'they were barbarously us'd, for making any [illegible] 'at all; they would hardly give them Quarter [illegible] 'were all in Danger of having our Throats c[illegible] 'Minute. We had three kill'd and sixteen [illegible] '——The Privateer is call'd the Bigonia Grand, Capt. 'Augustine Zimora, Commander.

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From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, May 14. The King has been pleaſed to promote the Rev. William Barnard, Doctor in Divinity, to the Biſhoprick of Raphoe, in the Kingdom of Ireland, void by the Death of Dr. Nicholas Forſter, late Biſhop thereof.

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